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TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJ: RICE CRISIS - DAILY UPDATE

( A) PHNOM PENH 6242; ( B) STATE 123336

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 23 THROUGH JULY 3.

6/23 6/24 6/25 6/26 6/27 6/28

BEGINNING STOCKS 8,016 7,299 7,299 6,749 8,599 8,049

ROUTE 4 - - - -

MEKONG - - - 2,400 - -

TOTAL AVAILABLE 8,016 7,299 7,299 9,149 8,599 8,049

LESS DISTRIBUTION 717 NONE 550 550 550 550

END STOCKS 7,299 7,299 6,749 8,599 8,049 7,499

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6/29 6/30 7/1 7/2 7/3

BEGINNING STOCKS	7,499	8,049	10,499	9,949	10,499
ROUTE 4	1,100	-	-	1,100	-
MEKONG	-	3,000	-	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	8,599	11,049	10,499	11,049	10,499
LESS DISTRIBUTION	550	550	550	550	550
END STOCKS	8,049	10,499	9,949	10,499	9,949 - 18 DAYS
IN THE EVENT ROUTE 4 IS CLOSED				5,349	- 9.7 DAYS
IN THE EVENT MEKONG IS CLOSED				2,349	- 4.2 DAYS
WITH DISTRIBUTION AT 700 M/ T PER DAY				699	- 1 DAY

2. RICE FROM VITNAM. WE HAVE ADVISED THE GKR MINISTERS OF PLAN AND FINANCE OF THE USG INTENTION TO PROVIDE 10,000 TO 20,000 M/ T OF RICE. WE INTEND TO TREAT THIS RICE AS BEING FURNISHED UNDER THE FEBRUARY 1973 AMENDMENT OF THE P. L. 480 AGREEMENT. THE GKR IS PREPARING A NET TO THE GVN REQUESTING UP TO 20,000 M/ T OF RICE AND INDICATING THAT THE GKR IS PREPARED TO PAY ALL COSTS RELATED TO TRANSPORT OF THE "REPLACEMENT" RICE FROM KOREA TO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE GKR MAY WANT TO ANNOUNCE THE IMPENDING ARRIVAL OF THE RICE FROM VIETNAM. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SAIGON TODAY AND EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THE SCHEDULING OF RICE DELIVERIES FROM VIETNAM SHORTLY.

3. ROUTE 4. THE GKR HAS ACCELERATED THE SCHEDULING OF ROUTE 4 CONVOYS BY ONE DAY. THE ROAD CONVOY THAT WAS EXPECTED ON JUNE 27 SHOULD NOW ARRIVE ON JUNE 26, WITH CONVOYS TO FOLLOW AT THREE- DAY INTERVALS. THE CONVOY ARRIVING ON JUNE 26 IS NOW ESTIMATED TO CARRY APPROXIMATELY 2,400 M/ T. WE HAVE INCLUDED THIS AMOUNT IN OUR PROJECTIONS.

4. MEKONG. THE TWO KOMPONG SOM- ORIGINATED BARGES FOR THE JUNE 30 SPECIAL CONVOY ARE ON SCHEDULE. THE PAC LOG SURFER IS TO ARRIVE IN KOMPONG SOM ON JUNE 26 AND SHOULD RETURN WITH 800 M/ T TO VUNG TAU OR ABOUT JUNE 30.

5. ROUTE 5. ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST DIVISION HAVE RETAKEN ROUTE 5, ONE BAILEY BRIDGE WAS FOUND DISASSEMBLED. REPAIRING IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN SHORTLY. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE GKR HAS ONE CONVOY WAITING TO DEPART FROM BATTAMBANG.

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